

FPC NEWSLETTER

Responding to God's grace through worship, study, and service.

JUNE 2026



Upcoming Events

- May 31:
Summer SS Classes Begin;
Red Cross Blood Drive

- June 2:
FISH WC Animal Shelter

- June 3:
55+ Dinner at Chop House

- June 6:
Franklin Pride Festival

- June 7:
Emergency Training;
Session Meeting

- June 7-13:
Montreat Youth Conference

- June 10:
55+ Dinner at Chop House

- June 13:
IIAM Service of Witness to the
Resurrection for
Ed and Mary Lou Wilson

- June 17:
55+ Dinner at Chop House

- June 19:
Juneteenth Outreach

- June 21-27:
HS Mission Trip

- June 24:
55+ Dinner at Chop House

- June 28:
Emergency Training

- Each Week:
Sunday Morning Worship at
10:15 AM and Sunday School
& Wonder Hour at 9 AM.

Easel-y Heard

From Easel to Ear

We will "hear" select pieces of art "speak" as they are interpreted musically.

Every summer Sunday during the offertory.



"...it is evident that human beings will continue to turn to music, art, literature, film—and indeed to artful ritual and liturgy—for expressing and interpreting some of the highest and deepest things of life and religion (faith). It is because art, by and large, helps us to know and hope envision better (cross-shaped lives)." Arts, Theology, and the Church, Vrudny and Yates



TOGETHER WE *save lives by giving blood*

Blood Drive

Sunday, May 31, 2026

9 AM-1 PM
Wilson Hall

[Click here and](#)
[use code](#)
[FPCF19](#)



Start planning now for a meaningful time of rest, fellowship, worship, and fun in the mountains. Hear from keynote speaker Kristen Kobes Du Mez, bestselling author and history professor at Calvin University. [Sign up here.](#)



AUGUST 14-16

STAFF REFLECTION

ANNE KEENER, COMMISSIONED PASTOR



Did you notice the red cloth on the courtyard cross and red paraments the past 2 weeks? Red symbolizes the work and presence of the Holy Spirit. The first week was Confirmation Sunday so the red symbolized the Spirit's work in the lives of the confirmands. The Holy Spirit has certainly been guiding them from their baptism through to their confirmation process. The Spirit has been at work through the questions the Confirmands have asked themselves and that they have been invited to ponder. The Spirit has also been at work through the relationships with Covenant Partners, teachers, and other students. The red paraments remind us that God's Spirit is at work among all of us.

This past Sunday was Pentecost where the red symbolized the coming of the Holy Spirit in the second chapter of Acts. This passage is full of wind and fire imagery as the Holy Spirit fills all present. This same Spirit fills us today and sends us out into the world to reflect God's light and love.

During a recent staff retreat, we discussed how we allow the Spirit to guide our congregation in the context of Sailboat Church by Joan S. Gray where she uses a sailboat to describe different ways congregations can function. A "rowboat church" depends mostly on human effort to row the boat. A "sailboat church" learns to discern and move with the wind of the Spirit. The congregation of a sailboat church must still participate in God's work but doesn't focus solely on the human effort but rather on the Spirit.

The search for our next installed pastor is a wonderful example of FPC being a sailboat church. The Transition Team put in the work to create space for the Spirit to work through the congregation as we completed the Holy Cow survey and participated in listening sessions. The Nominating Committee raised the sails allowing the Spirit to guide them as they prayerfully discerned who God was calling to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), and then the congregation trusted the Spirit to guide in electing the PNC.

As Rich Crim shared in worship on May 17, the PNC begins each meeting with a devotion, ends each with a prayer, and prayerfully approaches all their work. They are listening for the Spirit's guidance through each step. We, as members of the congregation, are still part of their work even as it is confidential. We are called to pray for the PNC, to pray for the people God is calling them to consider, and to pray for the Spirit to give all clarity of mind and the wisdom of discernment. We are also called to pray for the next pastor, their family, and their congregation who will likely be losing a beloved pastor.

I am grateful to serve God in this place and alongside each of you. May we pray together for the Spirit to work through our PNC as we continue to participate in God's work in our world.

Peace,
Anne



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION




Summer Sunday School classes for Elementary aged children will be led by an all-star crew of nature-loving members! Each week beginning May 31, students will meet in room 209 to explore creation and learn about the creator. Don't miss it! [Click here for the Calendar.](#)



2026
COFIRMATION CLASS


FPC YOUTH SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
THE CLASSICS
Combined Middle & High School Class
Every Sunday, May 31–August 9
9:00 AM | Rooms 117/118
Dig deeper into familiar Bible stories like Noah's Ark and Jonah



The Youth Group will have a combined middle and high school Sunday School class this summer (May 31–Aug 9, no class July 5). Our series, The Classics, explores familiar Bible stories like Noah and Jonah as we dig deep and discover new meaning. Join us Sundays at 9 AM in room 117/118.

Would you be willing to lead **Children's Worship one Sunday** this month during the sermon? It's a joyful, age-appropriate worship time for our little ones. Email [Sam Belcher](#) for details!

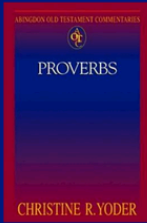
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



 **Sisters in Spirit**



Fridays
10:00 AM
Church Parlor



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Saturdays
7:30 AM
Church Parlor

1 CORINTHIANS
THEN & NOW
ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAYS 9 AM | BARR CONFERENCE ROOM
LED BY PASTOR EDDIE BELLIS

With the Bible as our primary guide, we'll explore what Paul meant then, and how his words meet us right where we are now. Join us for Adult Summer Sunday School, *1 Corinthians: Then and Now* in Barr Conference Room, May 31- August 9. God's Word still speaks into our work, our relationships, and the world we navigate every day. No need to have all the answers. Please bring your curiosity, your questions, and your coffee if you'd like. Come as you are. There's a seat for you at the table, and a word waiting just for your heart.

YOUTH NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP



Adults 55+ DINNER AT 5 PM

Each Wednesday through August.
The Franklin Chop House, 1101 Murfreesboro Rd.
No signup. Just show up for food and fellowship.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
MATTHEW 18:20

VISITATION MINISTRY

Contact Karen Hanson (klhanson46@gmail.com) to get involved.




Save the date!
July 19
SUMMER POTLUCK

AFTER WORSHIP
Please bring a dish to share.



Website Updates

We are updating the church website and looking for members who have expertise or interest in helping Thomas Bartolomeo and others with this process. If you are interested and willing to help, contact Catherine (colson@fpcfranklin.org).



EMERGENCY LEARN WHAT TO DO before EMS arrives

- Unconsciousness, choking, bleeding, AED use
- Barr Conference Room
- After service: June 7 & 28

Each session is stand-alone and no need to have attended prior sessions.



Meal MINISTRY

Sign up to help!

Our Meal Ministry is a wonderful way to respond to God's grace. When needs arise, an email is sent to the list of people who have volunteered to be part of this ministry with the date and location of a meal need. If you are able and willing to provide that meal, then you simply sign up on the TakeThemAMeal website that we use. Many choose to also deliver the meal, but if needed, you can request someone else deliver. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, contact Ann Crim 615-293-2993 or Tammy Love 615-472-6634. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering serving in this way.

Presbyterian Women

No meetings in June, July, or August.



Holy Stitches is taking a break for the summer and will resume in August. However, we would like to encourage anyone who knits or crochets, to join us in making hats (all sizes needed) and scarfs for the Mountain TOP ministry our Mission Team will be participating in this fall.

MISSION & OUTREACH



June 2 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Williamson County Animal Center

Prep supplies, assemble foster kits, build cat shelters, write thank-you notes. Brief tour (no animal interaction).

Youth welcome with an adult

JUNETEENTH

A Celebration of Freedom

FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

Join us at Franklin Bicentennial Park for the annual Franklin Juneteenth Celebration, Friday, June 19, 11 AM-5 PM

This event is open to the public and commemorates the emancipation of the African-American enslaved. Music, food, games, and African American cultural activities are part of the celebration.

FPC will have a tent to support the event, provide drinks, share info about the church, and get to know some of our neighbors. We are looking for members to volunteer for tent shifts and for people to provide cakes for the Cakewalk.

[Sign up here.](#) Contact [Verna Rydlund](#) to learn more.

June Basic Essentials Collection



- Diapers (Sizes 3 & 4)
- Cheerios
- Food Pantry items

GraceWorks

Drop off in the cart located in the Narthex



ADULT MISSION TRIP TO COALMONT, TN

October 22-25

Cost: \$100 per person



Help with their Community-wide Fall Festival or

Home repairs like roofing, flooring, siding & windows, bathroom renovations.

Contact Mike Anderson at mjq2649@aol.com for more info.



Franklin Pride Festival is Saturday, June 6, 12-6 PM.

Join us at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm, where there will be live music and performances. This is a free event with free parking.

FPC will have a tent set up and we need volunteers to welcome guests and hand out FPC swag! We'll need at least 3 people per 2-hour slot.

[Sign up](#) with your family or a friend!



25 Years of Service

What does a teacher do when the school year finally ends for good? Well, after 35 years of teaching in public schools, Clata Miller began a new chapter of serving her community by joining Meals on Wheels.

For the last **25 years**, Clata has served with Franklin Community Meals on Wheels. She first served as an organizer for FPC and went on to bring joy to many recipients every month as she delivered meals to folks on Route 4. Through the years, the people on Route 4 have changed, but Clata has continued to deliver meals with a smile. Clata was always consistent and never missed a day without letting us know.

All of us at FPC and MOW are grateful for Clata's dedicated service and hope she enjoys her second retirement. Thank you, Clata; you will be missed the first Friday of the month!

[Learn more about MOW and how to get involved by reading this article.](#)

Crossroads Mission Care



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Projects include: landscaping, clearing, building projects

All skill levels welcome.





FPC Music & Arts Summer

- **“Easel-y Heard”—From Easel to Ear—**
We will “hear” select pieces of art “speak” as they are interpreted musically. Every summer Sunday during the offertory.
- **Musical Guests**
John Johns, guitar and Adam Troxler, instrumentalist
- **Congregational Hymn Favorites**
Over the summer months we will sing more of your hymn favorites.
Look for them beginning in June.

JOIN THE CHOIR



While our groups are enjoying a well-deserved summer holiday, it is not too soon to consider joining either group this fall.

GOALS:

Carillon Choir (1-2 additional ringers, music-reading experience helpful.) **Chancel Choir** (4 additional SATB singers).

Contact the [Music Office](#) for more information.
Choirs resume on WED, August 19!

JUNE 7

1 Corinthians 1:1-3
A Sanctified Mess
EDDIE BELLIS

JUNE 14

1 Corinthians 5:11
Greed
EDDIE BELLIS

SUNDAYS



JUNE 21

Matthew 10:24-39
The Weight of Discipleship
ANNE KEENER

JUNE 28

1 Corinthians 3:1-23
God's Own Fool
EDDIE BELLIS

CELEBRATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR
JUNE
BIRTHDAYS

Click here



WORSHIP FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Sign up today to dedicate worship flowers in memory or in honor of someone you love. Open dates in July - November.

Births



Congratulations to Doug and Hannah Plumley on the birth of Declan Titus Plumley on March 31, great-grandson of **Opal Plumley**.



Congratulations to Hannah and Francis Nunez, on the birth of Carmen Ivy Nunez, on April 20, great-granddaughter of **Vivian and Chuck Coble**.

Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the Meals on Wheels program, thank you for your generous contribution to our shared ministry. We are deeply grateful for your long-term partnership and commitment with the program to deliver meals to our neighbors in need.

With appreciation,
Meals on Wheels

Recent Deaths

The FPC family extends prayers and sympathy to all those who are grieving. We are especially in prayer for **Linda Cairatti** upon the death of her father, Bill Jack, on April 28 and for **Missy McKeand** upon the death of her brother, Bill Herbert, on May 15.

SUMMER GIVING

Make summer giving easy—set up recurring gifts! With travel and family time often interrupting routines, recurring donations help you stay consistent in supporting our congregation year-round.

It takes just moments to set up. Visit www.fpcfranklin.org/giving and find our online giving page.

You can also contact [Marie Hayman](#) to set up automated bank drafts.

Beginning on May 26, 2026, Vanco mobile app users may be prompted to update their app to continue accessing all features and functionality. This update is designed to improve overall performance, security, and reliability for all users. Thank you for your continued support of our mission!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
101 LEGENDS CLUB LANE
FRANKLIN, TN 37069

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www.fpcfranklin.org

Return Service Requested

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:15 AM
SUNDAY WONDER HOUR: 9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 9 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Fridays

CHURCH STAFF

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist
Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries
Catherine Olson, Director of Operations
Marie Hayman, Accountant
Kate Lasseter, Nursery Coordinator
Kelly Oldham, Nursery Coordinator

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING



Marie Hayman
 Hours: 9AM-3PM
 M, W, Th

Giving Options: Mail a check to the church or give online at fpcfranklin.org/giving.

Thank you for all the ways your generosity, in response to God's grace, strengthens the ministry and mission of this congregation.

Church Financial Information

	April Actual	April Budget	Jan- Apr 2026 Actual	Jan-Apr 2026 Budget
Income	100,284.06	86,775.00	353,418.47	353,780.00
Fixed Expenses - Admin & Facilities	89,317.31	87,635.00	335,331.82	346,120.00
Other expenses	13,599.27	14,540.00	48,607.42	54,290.00
Ordinary income (loss)	(2,632.52)	(15,400.00)	(30,520.77)	(46,630.00)
Other income (expense)	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	(2,632.52)	(15,400.00)	(30,520.77)	(46,630.00)